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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A BRIEF MEETING WITH FONSEC EMILIO RABASA ONCT 23 AT AN OFFICIAL FUNCTION TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE SECRETARY KISSINGER ATTACHED TO THE KOREA RESOLUTIONS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE UN AND HIS HOPE THAT FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WITH WHOM WE HAVE COOPERATED IN THE PAST SUPPORT US ON THIS ISSUE. IN LIGHT OF REF A PARA 4 AND REF C, I EMPHASIZED THAT A NEGATIVE VOTE MY MEXICO ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WOULD BE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL BECAUSE WE EXPECTED THIS VOTE TO VER VERY CLOSE AND ALSO BECAUSE THE RESOLUTION IS SO FLAGRANTLY ONE-SIDED IN THAT IT IGNORES SOUTH KOREA'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS TO WORK OUT A NEW ARRANGEMENT REPLACING THE 1953 ARMISTICE. RABASA, WHO HAD ALREADY RECEIVED AND READ THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL MESSAGE (TEXT REF C), PROMISED THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER IN LIGHT OF THE SECRETARY'S LETTER AND THAT DIRECTOR FOR IO AFFAIRS GONZALEZ GALVEZ WOULD CALL ME.

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2. DURING COURSE OF EXCHANGE, RABASA POINTED OUT THAT

COOPERATION IS A TWO-WAY STREET AND THAT THE GOM WISHES TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE TRADE REFORM ACT (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

3. GONZALEZ GALVEZ TELEPHONE ME THAT SAME EVENING AND INFORMED ME THAT THE GOM HAD DECIDED (A) TO SUPPORT US ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE, I.E.. VOTE AGAINST, REPEAT AGAINST PLACING THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION BEFORE OUR RESOLUTION ON THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA AND (B) TO ABSTAIN, REPEAT ABSTAIN, IN THE VOTES ON BOTH THE HOSTILE AND OUR RESOLUTION. HE ADDED THAT THE DECISION TO CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE PRIORITY ISSUE WAS A REVERSAL OF A PREVIOUS GOM DECISION TO ABSTAIN ON THAT ISSUE.

4. IN A CONVERSATION EARLIER THAT SAME DAY GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOLD THAT THE GOM PLANNED TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE THEY FELT THAT THE HAD OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES WHICH OUTWEIGHED THEIR GOOD POINTS. WITH REGARD TO OUR RESOLUTION, HE SAID THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS "STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND AND PROVIDING ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE THE 1953 ARMISTICE." IT IS THE GOM'S VIEW THAT THE 1953 ARMISTICE SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A NEW ARRANGEMENT BUT THAT THIS COULD TAKE PLACE AFTER THE UN COMMAND WAS DISSOLVED AND THAT THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED WHILE WORKING OUT THESE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. GONZALEZ GALVEZ ADDED THAT ANOTHER DEFICIENCY IN THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS THAT IT DOES NOT CALL FOR A UN ROLE IN NEGOTIATING THESE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. (WHILE GONZALEZ GALVEZ DID NOT MAKE THIS POINT CLEAR, HE MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND A UN ROLE IN OVERSEEING THESE ARRANGEMENTS). FINALLY, GONZALEZ GALVEZ NOTED THAT THE GOM UNDERSTANDS AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY OBJECTION TO THE PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA UNDER A BI-LATERAL SECURITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. BRANDIN

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